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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

Traitorous Americans on U.N. Staff

Washington, DC, Feb. 18 (UPI)
-- Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, has used the Conservative Political Actions Conference as a forum to harshly criticize U.N. efforts to reduce the amount of small arms in the hand of civilians.

On the same day the U.N. Security Council debated its actions to implement sanctions and arms embargoes, LaPierre accused the U.N. of denying U.S. citizens the right to bear arms.

Meanwhile Stuart Holliday, alternate U.S. representative in the U.N. for Special Political Affairs, welcomed U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's report on small arms, calling the weapon-confiscation programs a relatively modest investment that could lead to large dividends in threat reduction.

LaPierre claimed the U.N. was responsible for allowing the genocide in Rwanda. He directly linked the U.N. firearms-reduction programs to the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution that allows people in the United States to own guns: **"If you take away the right to bear arms, all other freedoms are at risk and, in time, lost. But confiscating civilian firearms worldwide is a major mission of the U.N. right now. That's why I want the U.N. out of the U.S."**

La Pierre added, "Why does the NRA care about the United Nations? Because the U.N. is out to destroy firearm freedom -- the one freedom that preserves all the others."

Reaching the peak of his speech, LaPierre said: "The U.N. is the world's wealthiest and most organized

enemy of the very freedoms our nation can offer all mankind. It's time for the freedom-haters to pack up and get the hell outta freedom's last sanctuary."

LaPierre several times quoted Rebecca Peters, director of the International Action Network on Small Arms. He presented excerpts of a video showing a discussion in which Peters took part. LaPierre accused Peters of violating U.S. citizens' civil rights.

IANSA is a global network of civil-society organizations working to stop the proliferation and misuse of small arms. Founded in 1998, it has 500 participant groups. In the U.S., IANSA member groups support education about the risks of firearm ownership and efforts to curb their proliferation. IANSA is cooperating with the U.N. but isn't part of it. It primarily receives support from non-partisan organizations and several European countries, such as the United Kingdom, Sweden and Belgium.

After LaPierre's speech a panel including speakers from the conservative think tanks the Heritage Foundation and the Hudson Institute characterized the U.N. as a corrupt and superfluous organization

Leading U.S. politicians and activists gather at CPAC to discuss policies ranging from tax reform to the war on terror. About 5,000 people from all over the U.S. attend the country's oldest annual conservative conference.

Top UN Aide Steps Aside During Oil-For-Food Probe

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Canadian Maurice Strong, an influential entrepreneur, has withdrawn as U.N. envoy for Korea while investigators probed his ties to a lobbyist suspected of bribing U.N. officials with Iraqi funds.

Strong, who has served in a variety of U.N. posts since 1947, was a

part-time adviser to Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the six-party talks aimed at getting North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons programs.

Some diplomats said Strong acted only after senior U.N. officials suggested he resign.

Annan was also considering a policy that would force part-time employees like Strong to disclose their finances to avoid conflicts of interest. Only full-time staff now have to do so.

Known worldwide for his work on the environment, Strong, 76, acknowledged this week he had business dealings in 1997 "on a normal commercial basis" with the lobbyist and businessman Tongsun Park, a South Korean born in North Korea

But he denied any involvement in the oil-for-food program, which is being investigated by federal prosecutors and former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker.

Strong, engaged by the UN because of his global network of contacts, may not have known any joint investment with Park involved Iraqi money. "Business people don't ask where the money comes from," said one diplomat.

U.N. officials said Strong's part-time position gave him diplomatic immunity during periods he was actually working for the world body.

-- April 21, 2005

Spider U. Comes Thru

By Andi Baila

When a team of University of Wyoming researchers discovered and mapped the genes responsible for spider silk in 1989, the findings opened the door to military and medical applications like spider silk body armor and artificial tendons.

Made of fibers that are 10 to 100 times smaller in diameter than a human hair, put together in a cloth-like material, spider silk is tougher and weighs three times less than Kevlar — a plastic fiber that is used in bulletproof vests.

Used for medical sutures, artificial ligaments, and artificial tendons, spider silk could increase the success rate for surgeries.

Today, after 15 years of work on spider genes, led by Dr. Randy Lewis, the University of Wyoming is the worldwide leading authority in this scientific area.

"When it comes to spider silk genes — we are the leading authority — without a doubt," Lewis says.

The Lewis team has already published substantial studies on the spider genome in the world's most reputable scientific journals, but UW scientists continue to make major discoveries every year.

"If you make a major discovery once a year, you are having a heck of a life as a scientist," Lewis said. "We have cloned and sequenced the genes from 26 different species of spiders ... two a year."

Scientists have known the properties of spider silk for centuries; they've just never been able to produce enough to make it commercially available.

With the advent of genetic engineering, UW scientists pioneered the idea to take spider genes and introduce them into other species.

To discover the genes, UW scientists took a small piece of DNA they hoped matched the spider silk-producing gene, and introduced it into bacteria, hoping the micro-organism colonies would exhibit the silk-producing qualities found in spiders.

After weeks of tests, they found the right gene.

When it became clear it was not cost efficient to use bacteria in large-scale spider silk production, UW started to cooperate with Canada-based Nexia Biotechnologies to produce spider silk proteins in goats' milk.

"We took the genes and spliced them into goats ... in a way that they are only produced in the milk," Lewis says. "It's not the first gene that anybody has done it with it's the first ... in which they are looking for a fairly large amount of material."

Producing a large amount of spider silk is key to the material becoming commercially applicable.

"Nobody has been able to produce enough," Lewis said. "It's not easy."

To make a 5-pound bulletproof vest, a producer would use 600 gallons of goat milk containing the silk protein. The milk production from 200 goats in one day would be used for just one vest.

As a result, the UW team is also considering introducing the silk gene into alfalfa, a plant proven to grow well in the Wyoming climate.

Research is ongoing, and if it is successful, Lewis says using alfalfa could be economically viable.

Even if the price is lowered to a minimum, spider silk body armor could come with a price tag twice that of Kevlar-based body armor.

Lewis said the U.S. military will be willing to pay for it, because the material is light and elastic.

I can't really imagine that I am out in Iraq with 16 pounds underneath my vest and it's 110 degrees out there — and I can't bend," Lewis said. "If you can cut weight and make it that more flexible, you are going to have soldiers that are a whole lot more effective."

-- LaramieBoomerang.com, Feb. 21, 2005

New Fly on the Wall

By Larry Lange & George Leopold

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- The future of surveillance aircraft will take off next Saturday from a small hayfield in northern Florida, but observers will have to look hard to see it. The next generation of spy planes will be small -- perhaps less than 6 inches in diameter-- and agile as a hummingbird.

Seeking to capitalize on the ability to put a TV camera on a chip and other shrinking components, university and Navy researchers will try their wings during a micro-aerial-vehicles (MAV) competition sponsored by the International Society for Structural and Multidisciplinary Organization (ISSMO).

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has released several solicitations for the technology and plans a four-year, \$35 million program later this year, said spokeswoman Jan Walker.

DARPA said that MAVs eliminate "the latency associated with reconnaissance from higher-altitude assets. Emerging technological advances in miniature, highly integrated electronic and electromechanical systems provide an opportunity to create a new class of air vehicles with

overall size and mobility approaching that of hummingbirds."

The Naval Research Laboratory will launch two MAV research projects this year. Its five-year development program will focus on all aspects of MAV design, from aerodynamics to energy storage and propulsion. The NRL declines to say how much it is spending.

Government interest in MAVs has taken off in the last 18 months since engineers at MIT's Lincoln Labs developed a TV camera on a chip. "The MIT guys thought it would be neat if there was a little tiny airplane that this TV could be put on that could fly around and look in windows and look behind trees," said David Jenkins, an associate engineer in the University of Florida's engineering department, who conceived the MAV competition with Raphael Haftka of the Department of Aerospace Engineering, Mechanics and Engineering Science. Haftka heads the ISSMO.

Model-airplane designs entered in the competition will be judged by officials from NRL and NASA's Langley (Va.) Research Center.

"The mission is to fly one of these MAVs out a considerable distance to a target [600 meters away] and make a photograph of a hidden symbol from a list made up of alphanumeric and Greek symbols," Jenkins said. At that distance, the craft will be tough to control. And, adding a transmitter exacts a weight penalty that will stress the narrow wingspan.

MAV designers trim payloads to reduce wingspan, generally the largest aircraft component. For example, the University of Florida team will cut battery power to the bare minimum by running their engine wide open throughout the 600-meter flight, eliminating the need for a servo to operate the throttle.

Jenkins expects wingspans from 6 to 18 inches. But he doubts that designers can get down to a half-foot using off-the-shelf components. Most participants are expected to mount cameras and transmitters in front of the plane, and a monitor and VCR at their control stations to videotape the symbol. The Jenkins team's \$400 MAV uses a camera that weighs only 7/10 of an ounce.

The winners will receive \$1,250, but the real prize is DARPA funding over four years.

DARPA's technical goals include developing new flight-control

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. – Mark Twain

technologies and building MAVs that can perform military missions without breaking the bank.

Military experts believe MAVs could provide unprecedented surveillance capabilities for "small-unit operations." --From the net 3-11-05

Reminder from Down Under

From: Ed Chenel, a police officer in Australia

Hi Yanks,

I thought you all would like to see the real figures from Down Under.

Gun owners in Australia have been forced by law to surrender their 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by our own government, a program costing Australia taxpayers more than \$500 million dollars. (That's \$780.79 for every gun collected and destroyed.)

In the first year of the gun ban homicides are up 3.2 percent Australia-wide, assaults are up 8.6 percent; Australia-wide, armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent)! In the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300 percent. Note that while the law-abiding citizens turned in their guns, the criminals did not.

While figures over the previous 25 years showed a steady decrease in armed robbery with firearms, this has changed drastically upwards, since the criminals now are guaranteed that their prey is unarmed. There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the elderly.

Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased, after such monumental effort and expense was expended in "successfully ridding Australian society of guns." I suspect that you won't see this on the American evening news or hear your governor or members of the state Assembly disseminating this information.

The Australian experience proves it. Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws affect only the law-abiding citizens.

Take note, you Americans, before it's too late!

How to Talk to a Cop!

1. I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer.

2. Sorry, Officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.

3. Aren't you the guy from the Village People?

4. Hey, you must've been doin' about 125 to keep up with me. Good job!

5. Are You Andy or Barney?

6. I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer.

7. You're not gonna check the trunk, are you?

8. I pay your salary!

9. Gee, Officer! That's terrific. The last officer only gave me a warning, too!

10. Do you know why you pulled me over? Okay, just so one of us does.

11. I was trying to keep up with traffic. Yes, I know there are no other cars around. That's how far ahead of me they are.

12. When the Officer says "Gee .Your eyes look red, have you been drinking?" You say, "Gee Officer your eyes look glazed, have you been eating doughnuts?"

Double Blind

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Carey McWilliams carries a pistol, but he can't see it or whatever - or whomever - he might shoot at. Still, he comes armed with the full blessing of North Dakota.

It wasn't easy to get to that point, though.

McWilliams, 31, blind since age 10, had to pass a two-part exam to obtain his concealed weapon permit. First, he had to ace an open-book test of 10 true-or-false questions. Then, he had to prove his shooting proficiency by hitting an 18-by-20-inch human silhouette at least seven of 10 times, from 21 feet away.

Now, North Dakota lawmakers are considering getting rid of the exam or at least the shooting part - and McWilliams doesn't think that's right.

"I don't think everybody under the sun should be able to just walk in and get a weapon," said McWilliams, of Fargo. "You've got to have standards."

-- March 9, 2005

Patriotism Doesn't Mean Love of Big Government or Support for a President

By Chuck Baldwin

A strange metamorphosis has taken place in America, especially among conservatives. From love of country, especially love for the founding principles of the country, patriotism has morphed into a love for bigger and bigger government. It seems that to most conservatives today, if anyone dares speak against any federal program or initiative, he or she is categorized as being unpatriotic or even ungodly.

However, this view is diametrically opposed to the principles upon which this country was built! In fact, America was established upon a deep and (until now) abiding distrust of government.

Thomas Paine summarized the founding spirit when he said in 1791, "The duty of a patriot is to protect his country from the [federal] government." Our first President, George Washington agreed. He said, "Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

Now, all of that has changed. Today's conservatives define patriotism as being nothing short of all out, unquestioned loyalty to G. W. Bush, regardless of how improper or unconstitutional his proposals and policies might be

Every American, especially conservatives, should be alarmed at Bush's willingness to dismantle constitutional safeguards of our liberties via police state-style provisions contained in the Patriot Act. They should be pressuring Congress to not only take the Patriot Act off the law books, but to expunge the Stalin-style Department of Homeland Security and the Nazi-like office of National Intelligence Director. Yet, because G.W. Bush is the chief promoter of these policies and agencies, conservatives dare not lift so much as a whimper of protest.

Furthermore, the American people, especially conservatives, should be doing everything in their power to resist Bush's amnesty for illegal aliens program! The potential for economic hardship and even terrorism due to Bush's amnesty proposals cannot be overstated! Yet once again, since Bush is behind it, conservatives will say nary a word against it.

The fact is, the federal government has grown in both size and scope exponentially since G.W. Bush became president. The federal government is now bigger than ever, more intrusive than ever, and more restrictive than ever. And there is no relief in site.

Conservatives need to re-familiarize themselves with the words of President Theodore Roosevelt who said, "Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official, save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by

the country. In either event, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth, whether about the president or anyone else."

Furthermore, conservatives need to remember the words of President Ronald Reagan when he said, "Government is not the solution to the problem; government is the problem."

No, Virginia, patriotism does not include robotic support for a president or hypnotic support for government. Instead, patriotism means support for the fundamental principles upon which America was founded: personal liberty, federalism, and self government. Political leaders (regardless of party) who support and promote those principles deserve our support. Political leaders (regardless of party) who do not support and promote those principles deserve not our support. Now, that's patriotism!

What I've learned

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.
3. All reports are in; life is now officially unfair.
4. If all is not lost, where is it?
5. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few...
6. It's hard to make a come back when you haven't been anywhere.
7. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
8. When I'm finally holding all the cards everyone else wants to play chess.
9. It's not hard to meet expenses... they're everywhere.
10. I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.

Devices will scan for gunfire

GARY, Ind. - City officials have received a \$700,000 federal grant to install a system of utility pole-mounted sensors that can pinpoint the source of gunfire.

Using the technology, police will know in seconds if a loud pop outside a home is gunfire, a car engine or fireworks.

The ShotSpotter Inc. system will transmit information through telephone lines to the police communications center, where a radio dispatcher can then pinpoint the gunshot's location to within about 20 feet.

A city board approved buying two sensor systems from the Mountain

View, Calif.-based company using the Department of Justice grant.

The receivers should be installed by late this year, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Kumorek told the *Post-Tribune* of Merrillville.

One system, which includes eight sensors mounted on telephone poles in a two-square-mile area, was planned near the Indiana University Northwest campus. The location for a second system has not been decided, but ShotSpotter CEO James Beldock said the equipment can, if needed, be moved to different neighborhoods.

Kumorek visited North Charleston, S.C., to see how their ShotSpotter system works. "They showed us that their officers get to the source so quickly, they can arrest the shooter at least 30 percent of the time."

If police cannot find the shooter, they distribute to the neighborhood preprinted notices urging people to call authorities with information about illegal gunfire. Another note goes to the house where the shots originated.

The Road to Serfdom

Consider just a few examples of gun rights we have lost over the past few decades:

* The 1968 Gun Control Act instituted, among other things, the blatantly unconstitutional "sporting purposes" test, which stipulates that imported firearms must be "particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes."

* Since 1976, the District of Columbia has been under a near total gun ban. The House voted this year to repeal the ban, but it died in the Senate.

* In 1986, the Congress banned the manufacture of machine guns for non-military and law enforcement. Anti-gunners use the argument the authors of the Constitution never envisioned full autos when they wrote the Second Amendment. Well, they probably never thought about radio, television and the Internet, either. Yet, no one would argue the First Amendment does not protect these.

* In 1993, the Congress passed the Brady background registration check. Now, citizens must go to the FBI to get permission to buy a firearm. This is nothing less than turning our Second Amendment "right" into a mere "privilege." Supporters of the law try to make it more palatable by pointing out that it is "instant" and hardly an inconvenience, as if expediency makes losing liberty acceptable.

* In 1996, the Congress passed the gun free zones law (prohibiting firearms within 1,000 feet of any school property) and the misdemeanor gun ban (lifetime gun ban for certain misdemeanor convictions).

These are just some of the unconstitutional laws Gun Owners of America would like to repeal. GOA will also continue push for implementation of the armed pilots program and to pass a lawsuit protection bill for the firearms industry.

It is an ambitious agenda. How far we are able to move the ball in our direction, however, depends entirely on you.

Hard work lies before us. Gun owners must stay engaged in the battle by calling, writing, and e-mailing elected officials, urging them to roll back unconstitutional gun laws. And we need you to stand with us.

Join GOA today at www.gunowners.org/ordergoamem.htm -- and work together with the organization that Rep. Ron Paul calls the "only no compromise gun lobby in Washington."

Home Defense OK in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - Illinois lawmakers have voted overwhelmingly to give legal protection to homeowners who violate handgun bans to shoot burglars, overriding Gov. Rod Blagojevich's veto of legislation that became a symbol in the tug-of-war over gun control.

The legislation says that people who shoot intruders on their property cannot be convicted of violating local gun bans, but it does not prevent charges if prosecutors believe the shooting itself was a crime.

Backers saw the measure as a statement of support for people who defend themselves in their own homes, while opponents said it was an attempt to undercut local gun laws.

The measure was inspired by the case of a Wilmette restaurant owner who shot a burglar who had broken into his home twice. County prosecutors declined to press charges for the shooting, but Wilmette officials charged the restaurateur with violating the city's handgun ban.

About half a dozen Illinois cities, including Chicago, ban handguns, according to the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence.

Animal Rights Groups and Eco Militants Make Terrorist List

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) does not list right-wing

domestic terrorists and terrorist groups on a document that appears to be an internal list of threats to the nation's security.

According to the list between now and 2011 DHS expects to contend primarily with adversaries such as al Qaeda and other foreign entities affiliated with the Islamic Jihad movement, as well as domestic radical Islamist groups

It also lists left-wing domestic groups, such as the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), as terrorist threats, but it does not mention anti-government groups, white supremacists and other radical right-wing movements, which have staged numerous terrorist attacks that have killed scores of Americans. Recent attacks on cars, businesses and property in Virginia, Oregon and California have been attributed to ELF.

The conspirators behind the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, which killed 168 people, were inspired by radical right-wing movements. Eric Rudolph, the man charged with carrying out the 1996 Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta, which killed one woman and injured more than 100, was a member of the radical anti-abortion group Army of God.

Individuals affiliated with such groups have also been involved in many smaller terrorist acts. In 2003, for instance, a Texas man prosecutors say was a white supremacist and anti-government radical pleaded guilty to charges of possessing a weapon of mass destruction. Authorities had discovered enough sodium cyanide bombs to kill hundreds of people; machine guns and several hundred thousand rounds of ammunition; 60 pipe bombs; and remote-control explosive devices disguised as briefcases in a storage space he rented. The man, William J. Krar, was sentenced to 11 years in federal prison.

Domestic terror experts were surprised the department did not include right-wing groups on their list of adversaries.

"They are still a threat, and they will continue to be a threat," said Mike German, a 16-year undercover agent for the FBI who spent most of his career infiltrating radical right-wing groups.

Last year, following arson and vandalism sprees on both coasts attributed to radical left-wing groups such as ALF and ELF, the FBI made those movements its top domestic terror priority.

The DHS document, entitled "Integrated Planning Guidance, Fiscal

Years 2005-2011," is dated January 2005. Its pages are marked "Sensitive — Do Not Distribute Outside the Department of Homeland Security — Draft." Each paragraph in the document is marked "(U/FOUO)," which typically indicates it has been reviewed by a government censor and determined to be unclassified, but "for official use only."

-- Congressional Quarterly, March 25, 2005

No Gun? Get a Spear

In South Africa violent crime is raging. A Reuters news story on March 17 estimates that individuals now have a "one in 60 chance of being a victim of violent crime in any given year."

In response, the government has passed new laws that require guns to be re-licensed every five years (guns already must be licensed to be legal). To be eligible, applicants must complete an accredited training course, pass a police background check, install a safe or strongbox for storage, and prove that they need a gun. Eighty percent of those seeking licenses are rejected, causing gun owners to believe (correctly) that the law is intended to disarm law-abiding people.

Many South Africans have been trying to find alternatives to using guns for protection. Many "houses are surrounded by razor wire and electric fences," and people are buying crossbows, Zulu fighting spears, swords, battle axes, and pepper spray. The owner of one gun shop said that demand was so great for these items that he had to build a new shop.

Predictably, gun control advocates insist that disarming law-abiding citizens will stop the deluge of crime, even though it is estimated that between one million and four million illegal firearms are in circulation (albeit many of these are likely owned by basically honest people who are in fear of their lives) and that, according to the January 6 *Guardian* of London, only half of the violent deaths "were thought to be gun-related."

Alex Holmes, of South Africa's Arms and Ammunition Dealers Association, says the government has to realize that "the real problem is from 30-40,000 hardcore criminals using a small amount of illegal guns." He added, "Licensed guns are not used in crime at any great rate."

Once again, gun control advocates are failing to acknowledge that to control crime, criminals must be controlled, not law-abiding citizens. As reported on the website "South Africa in

transition," in Soweto the criminals are so numerous that an Indian doctor who works in a hospital there tries to come and leave work during daylight hours. If she does drive in the city at night, "she never stops for red lights for fear of being hijacked."

-- New American, April 9, 2005

Letters to the Editor

To whom it may concern,

I am slightly confused by the following statement I read on the njmilitia.org web site.

"The purpose of the New Jersey Militia is to restore lawful government to the United States and to the State of New Jersey. We believe that when our governments are once again bound down by the chains of the Constitution, Liberty and Prosperity -- our State motto -- will flourish for all Americans of whatever race or creed."

I thank you for taking the time to review this e-mail & I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,
A NJ resident

Ed.: Since 1776 the motto of the State of New Jersey has been "Liberty and Prosperity". The State flag shows two maidens, Liberty and Ceres, who represent freedom and abundance.

Liberty and abundance can only flourish when government is strictly bound by the law (the federal and New Jersey constitutions). Thomas Jefferson used the word chains as a metaphor for binding government to its lawful functions, as enumerated in the constitution(s).

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Dear New Jersey Militia,

I'm Donald R Doyle the spokesman for the Virginia Citizen's Militia and editor of our militia magazine "Southern Ranger."

I have been recently receiving your newsletter and I would like to make a few constructive comments about your publication. First of all, you are running interesting articles and I salute you for that. But why don't you include some pictures, drawings, political cartoons, etc ? No matter how interesting the articles are page after page of printed text tends to get boring. Secondly, you don't mention anything about New Jersey Militia activities, functions, etc. Why not? I hope all is well with you guys and I wish you all the best and hope to hear from you.

Donny Doyle

Ed.: Donny, thanks for your suggestions. You make some good points. If we get some cartoons we hope we'll improve!

As to our activities, lately we've been contacting sheriffs in all 21 New Jersey counties. Here's a copy of our letter.

Dear Sheriff,

Inclosed is a video distributed by the American Citizens and Lawmen Association. The 35 minute tape is titled "The Sheriff -- Powers and Responsibilities of Elected Peace Officers."

Included with the video is a copy of a letter to Middlesex County Sheriff Spicuzzo from Jack McLamb, a retired Phoenix police officer who is ACLA's national director. McLamb expresses the hope that sheriffs will view the video "and consider if there may be a need to re-organize your procedures for dealing with...federal agencies" in the light of the Ruby Ridge and Waco incidents and the death of an Arkansas sheriff (Gene Matthews).

The third inclosure offers the view that the sheriff's job is to protect the people in his county from a potential police state.

Sincerely,

The New Jersey militia

Ed: Donny, if the Virginia Citizens Militia wants to undertake a similar project go ahead and send \$17 to the ACLA, HC 11 Box 357, Kamiah, Idaho 83536; (208) 935-7852. ACLA will send a video to the sheriff of your choice. They'll also send you a video and a copy of ACLA's letter to the sheriff. The VCM can take it from there.

Here's the 3d inclosure referenced in our letter. Feel free to re-write it for Virginia's situation.

The Sheriff, Protector of the People

Historically the highest-ranking peace officer in the county has been the sheriff, who is elected by the people. The New Jersey legislature, however, has subordinated the sheriff to the county prosecutor. Like the Soviet procurator the prosecutor owes his allegiance to the central authority rather than to the people. He is appointed by the governor. He reports to the attorney general who is also a gubernatorial appointee. Thus the

sheriff, the peace officer, the one directly accountable to the people, has been overshadowed by the law enforcement officer, the county prosecutor. This could lead to disaster, should the Attorney General in Washington work through his counterpart in Trenton, and, through him, directly with the county prosecutor. Rule and oppression by appointed officials and federal police could thereby become the established norm.

It is unlikely that the killing of peaceable Americans by federal police at Ruby Ridge, Idaho; Waco, Texas, and elsewhere around the country would have occurred had the perpetrators had to work through the sheriff. The federal police have been militarized (they cross-train with army rangers and Special Forces); it seems that they sometimes look upon the people as an enemy to be conquered. They have no time for sheriffs. We therefore endorse US Rep. Helen Chenoweth's Sheriff Check-off bill, which is based in part on Hamilton's observation that "Where the whole power of the government is in the hands of the people, there is the less pretense of the uses of violent remedies in partial or occasional distempers of the State." *The Federalist Papers*, # 21

To check such "distempers of the State" Mrs. Chenoweth's bill would require the (nearly 60,000 armed) federal police who are at present roaming the states to obtain written permission from the county sheriff before making an arrest or search, except for crimes in commission, when people are in imminent danger or when the sheriff himself is under investigation. Specifically the federal official would have to provide in writing the name of the person to be arrested or searched, a federal warrant, the location, date and time of the action and, when applicable, a description of the property sought. The sheriff could refuse permission for good cause. Permission, if granted, would be valid for 48 hours, and would have to be renewed for each 48-hour period thereafter. Official duty could not be

used as an excuse for violations, and anyone aggrieved could file a civil action to obtain appropriate relief.

The U.S. Marshal Service, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms and Federal Bureau of Investigation--the principal federal offenders at Ruby Ridge and Waco--perpetrated some of the largest non-military mass murders in our history. Clearly, they cannot be trusted with the power they now hold. The proposed bill would reduce federal bloodshed, and is entirely within the spirit of the Tenth Amendment: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to it by the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

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Liberty and Tyranny

"We fight not for glory nor for wealth nor honor, but only and alone we fight for freedom which no good man surrenders but with his life." - Robert the Bruce (Brus), King of Scots, June 24, 1314

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As long as a hundred of us remain alive we will never be subject to tyrannical dominion because it is not for glory or riches or honors that we fight, but for freedom alone which no worthy man loses except with his life. -- from The Declaration of Arbroath, 1320

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"Tyranny is the exercise of power beyond right...when the governor...makes not the law, but his will, the rule." --John Locke

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"Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to liberty, and few nations, if any, have found it." --John Adams

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The true danger is when liberty is nibbled away, for expedience, and by parts. - Edmund Burke, Letter to the Sheriffs of Bristol, April 3, 1777

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